WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Sale of drugs in Delhi

*423. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Indian Express dated the 29th June, 2001, under the heading, "Easy to get high in Delhi, Cops do little";

(b) if so, what are the places where drugs are sold openly and no action is taken by the police against the culprits; and

(c) whether Government have fixed the responsibility on the S.H.O.s' of those areas and if not, the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The report that the drugs were being sold openly at places in Delhi and the Police can do precious little about it is not correct. During the first six months of the current year itself, Delhi Police registered 381 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Amount sanctioned by N.E.C. to improve the Dhodar Ali

*425. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by North-Eastern Council (NEC) to improve the Dhodar Ali in Assam;

(b) what is the progress of this work;

(c) why the work has not been done in the portion of Dhodar Ali from Deberapar to Jaypore of Dibrugarh District; and

(d) whether it is due to the negligence of contractors whom the work has been given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The total length of Dhodar Ali Road is 212 Kms. Under the NEC programme, a stretch of 100 Kms. was sanctioned in 1989-90 for